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RED LEDGES FIRE UPDATE

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 23, 2012 – The Red Ledges fire was reported at 1:00 pm Sunday the 19 of August and has burned approximately 1860 acres (change in acres are due to more accurate mapping. Smoke had been hindering visibility from the air during mapping). The fire is 82% contained. A local Type 3 Team is currently managing the fire. The fire is located in steep, rugged and hazardous terrain burning in Pinyon pine, Juniper and Gamble Oak. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The evacuations have been lifted for the Wanrhodes Basin area. However, the road from Diamond Fork into Wanrhodes Basin remains closed for dispersed camping. The road is open for residences of Wanrhodes Basin only.

An area closure is in still in effect from Springville crossing and then west down Diamond Fork Canyon road to the Diamond Fork campground. The A loop of Diamond Fork campground is open while the B and C loop are closed to the public access. Diamond Fork group areas are closed to the public.

The objectives for this fire, is to keep the fire west of Diamond Fork, south of Hobble Creek, and east of Red Mountain Ridge. Good progress was made yesterday with ground crews and aviation resources. The cooler temperatures and the higher humidity helped with suppression efforts. Fire fighters will continue to construct fire line around the perimeter of the fire with the assistance of helicopters to work hotspots

Resources include: 2 hot shot crews, 8 hand crews, 2 engines, 3 helicopters, and 275 total personnel assigned.

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